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MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATURE SECRETARIAT

The following Bill was introduced in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly on the **22nd June, 2026** is published under Rule **117** of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Rules :—

L. A. BILL No. XXXIV OF 2026.

A BILL

to amend the Maharashtra State Commission for Scheduled Castes Act, 2025.

WHEREAS both Houses of the State Legislature were not in session;

AND WHEREAS the Governor of Maharashtra was satisfied that circumstances existed which rendered it necessary for him to take immediate action to amend the Maharashtra State Commission for Scheduled Castes Act, 2025, for the purposes hereinafter appearing ; and, therefore, promulgated the Maharashtra State Commission for Scheduled Castes (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 on the 25th May 2026;

Mah. XXXVII of 2025.

Mah. Ord. III of 2026.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows :—

Short title and commencement.

1. (*1*) This Act may be called the Maharashtra State Commission for Scheduled Castes (Amendment) Act, 2026.

(*2*) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 25th May 2026.

Amendment of section 2 of Mah. XXXVII of 2025.

2. In section 2 of the Maharashtra State Commission for Scheduled Castes Act, 2025 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), in clause (*b*), after the word "Chairperson" the word ", Vice-Chairperson" shall be inserted. Mah. XXXVII of 2025.

Amendment of section 3 of Mah. XXXVII of 2025.

3. In section 3 of the principal Act, in sub-section (*2*), after clause (*a*), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—

"(*a-1*) a Vice-Chairperson, who shall be nominated from amongst the members;".

Repeal of Mah. Ord. III of 2026 and saving.

4. (*1*) The Maharashtra State Commission for Scheduled Castes (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 is hereby repealed. Mah. Ord. III of 2026.

(*2*) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken (including any notification or order issued) under the corresponding provisions of the principal Act, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done, taken or, as the case may be, issued under the corresponding provisions of the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Maharashtra State Commission for Scheduled Castes Act, 2025 (Mah. XXXVII of 2025) is enacted to provide for constitution of the Maharashtra State Commission for Scheduled Castes with a view to protect and safeguard the interests of the Scheduled Castes in the State of Maharashtra and to recommend remedial measures for their welfare and development and for the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2. Section 3 of the said Act provided for constitution of the Maharashtra State Commission for Scheduled Castes which consisted of a Chairperson and Members. The National Commission for Scheduled Castes constituted under article 338 of the Constitution of India comprises of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and other Members. Therefore, it is considered expedient to appoint a Vice-Chairperson also on the State Commission similar to the composition of the National Commission.

3. As both Houses of the State Legislature were not in session and the Governor of Maharashtra was satisfied that circumstances existed which rendered it necessary for him to take immediate action to amend the Maharashtra State Commission for Scheduled Castes Act, 2025, for the purposes aforesaid, the Maharashtra State Commission for Scheduled Castes (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 (Mah. Ord. III of 2026), was promulgated by the Governor of Maharashtra on the 25th May 2026.

4. The Bill is intended to replace the said Ordinance by an Act of the State Legislature.

Mumbai,
Dated the 16th June, 2026.

SANJAY SHIRSAT,
Minister for Social Justice.

Vidhan Bhavan:
Mumbai,
Dated the 22nd June, 2026.

JITENDRA BHOLE,
Secretary-1,
Maharashtra Legislative Assembly.

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